

June 22, 2006

## Dear Stakeholder:

We would like to invite you to participate in one of three Kansas Health Policy Authority stakeholder meetings to be held in Kansas City, Wichita, and Hays. The Kansas City meeting will be held at 520 Minnesota Avenue at the Jack Reardon Convention Center of the Hilton Garden Inn on Tuesday, July 11<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Wichita meeting will be held at 5015 E. 29<sup>th</sup> Street N at the Eugene M. Hughes Metropolitan Complex on Thursday, July 13<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. The Hays meeting will be held at 1305 Canterbury Dr. at the Hays American Legion on Thursday, July 27<sup>th</sup> from 4:00 p.m. to 6:00 p.m. We will provide a brief overview of the Kansas Health Policy Authority which will be followed by testimony from stakeholders as well as a question and answer session. Additional meetings in other locations are being planned for early fall.

Your participation in these meetings will be valuable to the Authority, so we would like to give you an opportunity to provide testimony at the meeting. Attendees of the meeting will include members of the Kansas Health Policy Authority Board and members of the Kansas Health Policy Authority full-time staff. We will be looking for the public's opinion and recommendations on the direction of the Kansas health system. If you are interested in providing testimony, please respond by June 30<sup>th</sup> to reserve time for your presentation by calling Luke Thompson at 785-296-7762 or emailing to Luke.Thompson@da.state.ks.us. Those who have made reservations will be allowed to testify first. However, because we want to ensure that everyone has an opportunity to testify, presentation length will be limited according to the number of presenters in attendance. Additionally, please bring five copies of your written testimony. Following the presentations there will also be a brief period for open questions and answers.

To arrange special accommodations, please call Marlene Shellenberger at 785-296-3512 by 5:00 pm on Friday, June 30<sup>th</sup>. Thank you for your interest and willingness to work together with the Authority to improve Kansans' access to affordable, quality healthcare and increase the health of all Kansans.

Sincerely,

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